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Good morning. We want to make you aware of work on two important issues:

Atlantic Coast Pipeline – N&O Opinion Editorial

David Fountain, Duke Energy's North Carolina President, submitted the attached opinion editorial to The News & Observer last week regarding the importance of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline in light of recent economic development news.

Now more than ever, this critical infrastructure project will increase our competitiveness when recruiting industry to North Carolina. Building the Atlantic Coast Pipeline will enhance our state's infrastructure necessary to power transformative job growth opportunities through safe, more affordable, clean-burning natural gas.

The critical energy infrastructure provided by the pipeline will help meet the state's growing energy needs, giving us the ability to attract new businesses and industries that can create thousands of permanent, good-paying jobs while delivering more affordable energy for our families and businesses.

I hope you will join me in sharing this perspective and encouraging state leaders to support this vital project for our state's economic future.

<http://www.newsobserver.com/opinion/op-ed/article194523899.html>

Repowering Puerto Rico

Duke Energy is joining the U.S. utility industry effort to help rebuild electric infrastructure and restore power to the island of Puerto Rico, where hundreds of thousands of residents are still without electricity after being slammed by Hurricane Maria last fall.

Yesterday, about 75 of our North Carolina line workers and support personnel [departed Raleigh](#) and Charlotte to help repower Puerto Rico. They are part of a larger contingent of more than 200 employees from Duke Energy operations in the Midwest, Carolinas and Florida who are taking part in the effort.

Our team will join personnel from nearly two dozen other U.S. electric companies deploying resources – a total of nearly 1,500 additional restoration workers.

The workers will join the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA), FEMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), which have had incident management teams on the island since early December completing damage assessments of Puerto Rico's energy grid and developing a coordinated restoration plan.

Our company has a long history of helping utilities in the U.S. recover and rebuild after storms and other natural disasters. We've also benefitted greatly from mutual assistance from other utilities when our system has been severely damaged and our customers were in the dark, most recently with Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Irma. We're proud of the tremendous team working to repower Puerto Rico and return life to normal for its citizens.

While our teammates are deployed to Puerto Rico, our line workers and support personnel – including contractor resources – remain in the communities we serve and stand ready to respond to winter storms across all Duke Energy service territories.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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